WHEREAS, The speed of her ships and the skill of her sailors has long been an outstanding example of the spirit of America, and the Merchant Marine is important to the nation's economy and security; and,

WHEREAS, The Merchant Marine Act of 1970 is once again awakening the venturesome spirit of maritime enterprise that has contributed so significantly to the strength and development of our nation and is part of a national commitment and program to revitalize our merchant marine and improve the competitive position of our shipbuilding industry; and,

WHEREAS, This program will generate the construction of many new ships of advanced design and high productive capacity to insure that the American Merchant Marine is again one of the most modern and efficient in the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 1972, as

MARITIME DAY 1972

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 16th day of May in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE